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OUR NEW OFFICE.

The first building erected in Prescott was the office of the ARIZONA MINER, of which we took possession on the first of June, 1864...

Truly this is a progressive age, and Arizona with all its drawbacks is "moving on." The growth may not be as rapid as many would wish, but it is steady and sure...

The hearty congratulations extended to us by our many friends of all parties, and especially by the fair sex, on the occasion of the hop with which the completion of our new office was celebrated on Saturday evening, September 29th...

THE THIRD LEGISLATURE.

The First Legislature of Arizona convened at Prescott, Sept. 26, 1864. The following is a full list of the members: First District, (now Pima county) Council, Coles Bashford, Francisco S. Leon, Mark Aldrich, and Patrick H. Dunne...

The Second Legislature met at Prescott December 6th, 1865, and consisted of the following members: Pima County—Council, Coles Bashford, House, D. H. Stuckey, Yuma County—Council, Manuel Ravenna, House, Alexander McKay, W. K. Heninger, Peter Doll...

The Third Legislature met at Prescott October 3d, 1866. The names of the members are given in another column. The House organized on the 4th, by the election of Granville H. Oury, Speaker, and James S. Giles Chief Clerk...

PROMOTION.—Among the brevets confirmed by the Senate at the close of the recent session, was the following: to be brevet Brigadier General in the regular army, brevet Colonel H. D. Wallen, 14th infantry U. S. A. for faithful and meritorious services during the war, to date from March 13, 1863.

THE WALLAPAS ON THE WAR PATH.

Since the burning of Clow at the Willows on the Mohave road, and the summary killing of Waba Yuma, as a retaliatory measure, the Wallapas, (we are tired of spelling the word *Wapapai*) have been quiet, and it was fondly supposed that the *good ones* had gone to live on the Colorado, with the Mohaves and the lad ones to join the Navajos about the San Francisco mountain...

THE MINING LAW.

Mr. Hardy has introduced a bill in the Council to repeal Chapter 50 of the Howell Code, which is the mining law of the Territory. This is well enough, for without taking into view other reasons, the Congressional act, makes this long and intricate law unnecessary...

DEATH OF GOVERNOR CONNELLY.

We sincerely regret to announce the death of the Honorable Henry Connelly, late Governor of New Mexico, and step-father of Hon. Frank Chavez, Delegate in Congress from New Mexico. Governor Connelly belonged to the old school of American gentlemen...

EXIT LEIHY.

By the *Alta California* of Sept. 29 we learn that General George W. Dent has been appointed Superintendent of Indian Affairs for this Territory, in place of George W. Leihy. General Dent is a brother-in-law of General Grant, and a capable and worthy man...

GOLD IS KING.

General Sherman, in his speech at the Dartmouth College Commencement, while reviewing his own life, and to certain extent that of the Nation, said: "The Mexican war soon broke out, and I was sent to California, where in my wanderings I saw the first pieces of gold discovered, and watched its magical effect upon the whole world..."

We have long held that but for the mines and miners of this country, the Union could not have been preserved; and we are glad to find that one of the foremost heroes of the late war for the suppression of rebellion, adds his commanding testimony to the same effect.

INDIAN TROUBLES.—In the last number of the *Arizona Journal of Mining* we find a most sensible article on the subject of Indian affairs, from which we make the following extract. It is really refreshing to see such sentiments promulgated in a New York journal, after listening to the twaddle of a large class of the writers of that city, who argue that because some unprincipled character steals a pony from an Indian tribe, it justifies them in murdering hundreds of innocent women and children...

TWO PICTURES.

In the House of Representatives on the 18th of January, the following action was had: Mr. Ashley, of Ohio. I present the memorial of Charles D. Poston, contesting the seat of the Hon. John N. Goodwin as Delegate from the Territory of Arizona...

Tax bloody massacre in the Sacramento district, near Hardyville, has created great excitement in Mohave county, and the military force at the Fort is so small, and likely to be, that the citizens want to organize bands of volunteers to pursue and castigate both the Wallapas and Pah-Utes...

APACHE MURDER.

We learn from private sources that Captain Porter, a well known miner in California and Arizona, has recently been murdered by the Apaches. Captain Porter was a Virginian by birth, and formerly in the United States army, and took part in the Mexican conflict. Since the breaking out of the civil war Porter has resided in Arizona, where he won for himself a character for courage that amounted to reckless disregard of Apache bullets...

THE GENERAL ELECTION.

OFFICIAL RETURNS.—VOTE FOR DELEGATE. On the 2d instant all of the official returns of the vote for Delegate, at the election held September 6th, having been received, Secretary Carter proceeded to count them, and subsequently he declared the following result: TERRITORY OF ARIZONA, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, PRESCOTT, Oct. 2, 1866.

THE WHITE MOUNTAINS.

LETTER FROM JOHN H. MARION. IN CAMP, NEAR FORT GOODWIN, ARIZONA, Sept. 10, 1866.

EDITOR ARIZONA MINER.—Having just now, a chance to send a letter to Tucson, I wish to inform the people of Yavapai county, through your valuable paper, that the party which left Prescott in July last travelled over a vast extent of country, but, as yet have found nothing in the shape of gold. We kept too far north and east for that purpose.

PROMOTIONS.

We learn that Capt. Krause, at present in command of Fort Whipple, has been promoted to brevet Major, Army U. S. Also, that Dr. Charles H. Newhall, lately in charge of the army medical department here, has been appointed brevet Brigadier General volunteer service, and ordered to report at San Francisco. Dr. N. left for California on Tuesday last.

THE INTERNAL REVENUE TAX LIST OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, SHOWS MESSRS. BEALE AND BANNING TO HAVE THE LARGEST INCOMES IN THAT COUNTY.

BEALE AND BANNING, \$13,242, and PHINEAS BANNING, \$11,900.

FIRST DISTRICT COURT.

EXTRACT FROM THE CHARGE OF JUDGE BACKUS. "Gentlemen—I am informed that at your present session there will be brought before you a case of murder, one of those unfortunate cases of too frequent occurrence of the too common and pernicious use of firearms, as it is described, and wicked in the individual. Of the criminal I would say nothing, for it would not be proper for me, at this time, to do so; but of the crime I would emphatically say, it is your imperative duty, in every way in your power, to discountenance and put a stop to this dastardly and barbarous practice of shooting, this perversion of firearms, an invention intended by kind heaven for our safety and protection, to the purposes of the slaughter of our citizens. If blood is found in the skirts of the deceased, your duty is to present him, without regard of consequences to the criminal. In all cases of individual crime, your proper action is by way of indictment. In all other matters of which there are many not constituting individual crime, but yet great public grievances, seriously affecting public happiness, convenience and prosperity, it is appropriate for you to act by way of presentment of the grievance, so as to bring the same authoritatively before the public, and to the attention of those having the power to correct the evil as well as to expose the wrong doer."

RECAPITULATION.

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PREVIOUS ELECTIONS.

Table with columns: Year, Candidate, Votes. Rows include 1865 (Goodwin over Allyn, 331) and 1864 (Poston over Leih, 288).

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A GREAT GEOLOGICAL DISCOVERY.

The State Geological Survey of California has recently made a discovery that will attract attention all over the world, and that will become a notable fact in the history of geology. Every person of intelligence is supposed to know that the age of the earth, according to the unanimous opinion of geologists, is not less than a million of years; that there have been successive epochs of animal and vegetable life, the remains of which are found deep in the rocks; that the animals and plants of the earlier epochs differ from those now living on the earth; and that, very lately, nothing had been found to show that man lived upon our globe before the beginning of the present geological era. A few years since, however, some human bones were found in England and France, showing that men lived in those lands in a former epoch, contemporaneously with the hyena, the rhinoceros, the elephant, and numerous other animals which had disappeared from Europe long before the beginning of our historical records. This discovery made a great sensation in the learned world, and was the basis of Lyell's great book on "The Antiquity of Mankind." The ancient human bones of Europe were found in the formation known as the Pliocene; but now a human skull has been found in California in the Pleocene, a much older formation. This skull is, therefore, the remnant not only of the earliest known pioneer of this State, but of the oldest known human being.

An account of the discovery was given last evening, in the California Academy of Natural Sciences, by Prof. Whitney. The skull was found in a shaft 150 feet deep, two miles from Angel's, in Calaveras county, by a man named James Matson, who gave it to Mr. Scribner, a merchant, and he gave it to Dr. Silliman, who sent it to the State Geological Survey. Prof. Whitney went to the place, examined it, questioned the persons who had the skull in their possession, and he is entirely satisfied that it was found in the shaft, as represented. There is some water now in the shaft, but it is soon to be taken out, and then the Professor will resume his examinations. The shaft passes through beds of lava and volcanic tufa, and four deposits of auriferous gravel. The upper bed of tufa is homogeneous and without any sand through which the skull could have been introduced from above. The published volume of the State Survey on the geology of California states that man exists here contemporaneously with the mastodon, but this fossil proves that he was here before the time in which the mastodon was known to exist. Prof. Whitney has divided the paleontology of the State into epochs: the Pleocene, or the epoch before the great volcanic eruptions which covered a large part of the State, and the Post-Pliocene, or the epoch after the eruptions. Most of the prominent animals, the fossils of which have been found here, such as the mastodon, elephant, horse and buffalo, have not been counteracted in the post-Pliocene, and all vegetables so far met there are of species now living in the State. We can now unequivocally state that man lived in California before Shasta and Mount Lassen, and the Nevada Buttes and the numerous volcanic peaks of the Sierras raised their heads to the clouds; before the era of the glaciers, and came after the volcanoes, and swept down the sides in immense rivers of ice; before the great canyons were worn on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada, and when the waters were still running on what are now the tops of the mountains.

IT IS SCARCELY NECESSARY TO SAY THAT THE announcement and the remarks of Professor Whitney made a profound sensation in the Academy.—Alta.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN CALIFORNIA.

The State Superintendent of public instruction California has published a report of four hundred and twenty-two pages. The number white children under twenty-one years of age in California, is 92,879, an increase in a single year of 12,000. California paid, exclusive school houses, for each child between five and eighteen, in public schools, \$6 58; for sabbath-schools, for each scholar between five and eighteen, \$1 38. The school children, in 1865 have increased twenty-six per cent. The number attending public school forty-five; male teachers' wages average \$74; female \$62; the average wages in twelve States being, for males, \$34; and for females \$20. The whole report, both in facts and method of presentation, is highly creditable to the State.

A RIVAL OF THE YOSEMITE.

The *Mercury* claims that they have in their Territory a rival of the Yosemite. The scenery of the Yosemite Valley, as described by Borlase, his new book, *Across the Continent*, is very grand and peculiar, is not more remarkable than the scenery at the passage of Yellowstone through the Snowy Range, miles northeast of Virginia City. The river on either side, for a great distance, are in height to those of the Yosemite, and river steals through them with the swiftness and stillness of an immense serpent, leaping into joyous rapids at the point of its exit. We should like to have Bierstadt visit a portion of our Territory. He could see a picture from this piece of scenery superior either of his other views of the Rocky Mountains.

THE GRAPE CULTURE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

A gentleman connected with the United States Internal Revenue Department second district, California, informs us from the beginning of the vintage of 1865 to the present time, about seventy-five thousand gallons of grape brandy have been produced in Los Angeles county. The vintage of Los Angeles county is now in rapid and successful operation. The great success of the proprietors of the vineyards in the county is sufficient to establish the fact, that the cultivation of the vine in southern California is a great success. And no room remains to doubt that in time this section of country will be the most successful countries, in the management of the grape and its products. There is scope enough for a wide range of California, if the vintage is improved, and southern California especially where the culture of the vine is extending itself with extreme rapidity, those already engaged in it are entirely justified with their prospects.—*Wilkesing Journal*, Sept. 8.

FORT LEAVENWORTH IS TO BE ABANDONED.

Government Post as soon as the Pacific Railroad are running to Fort Leavenworth, which it is supposed will be by the first of August.

PATRICK O'LEHERTY SAID THAT HE WAS VERY UNGRATEFUL, FOR "WHILE I WAS HERE SHE HADN'T A RAG ON HER BACK, BUT NOW SHE'S COVERED W/EM."

The President has appointed C. R. Byster, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of Colorado Territory, and Lafayette Carter, Surveyor General of Idaho.